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Michael W. Morrissey, Norfolk District Attorney
Norfolk District Attorney's Office
45 Shawmut Road
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Dear District Attorney Morrissey,

I am writing to inform you that we are currently investigating a possible breach of protocol with respect to ninety drug samples tested at the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute. These ninety samples were received exclusively from Norfolk County and assigned for analysis on the same day. Attached is a list of the control numbers for the samples identified in the investigation.

At this time, there is no evidence that this had an impact on the integrity of the samples or the accuracy of the sample analysis. Please be assured that measures were immediately taken to ensure proper compliance with protocol procedures.

Additional information will be provided upon completion of the investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Han".

Linda Han, MD, MPH, Director
Bureau of Laboratory Sciences